

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested. The status of the claims is as follows:

Original:	None
Currently amended:	51, 55 and 61
Previously presented:	52-54, 56 and 62-68
Canceled:	1-50 and 57-60
New:	None

Claims 2-47 were canceled previously. Claims 1, 48-50 and 57-60 are canceled herein. Claims 51-56 and 61-68 are pending with entry of this amendment.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 48-50 and 57-60 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Makooi (US6238695) in view of Remington or Phipps (US5260073). All of the rejected claims have been canceled, rendering the rejection moot. Applicants have canceled the rejected claims without prejudice; i.e., Applicants (i) believe the subject matter of the canceled claims is patentable over the cited references for reasons already of record in the communication filed August 16, 2005 and in previous communications to the Office and (ii) reserve the right to pursue claims directed to the canceled subject matter in a continuing application.

Objection

Claims 51-56 and 61-68 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 51 and 61 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the rejected base claims, and claim 55 has been rewritten to depend from claim 51. The remaining claims directly or indirectly depend from either claim 51 or claim 61. Withdrawal of the objection is accordingly requested.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and passage to issue is requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should any minor matters need to be resolved before a Notice of Allowance can be mailed.

Respectfully submitted,

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